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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3030

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PRETORIA FOR RSO

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: PINS, WZ

SUBJECT: SITREP ON CIVIL DISTURBANCES

REF: MBABANE 3026 (NOTAL)

1. SITUATION STILL OUTWARDLY CALM AS OF 1600 HOURS OCTOBER 20.

2. THREE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN NHLANGANO AREA WERE INTERROGATED
EVENING OCTOBER 19 APPARENTLY ON CHARGE OF SHOWING SYMPATHY FOR
STRIKING TEACHERS. PC DIRECTOR WAS CALLED TO ACTING PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE MORNING OCTOBER 20 AND GIVEN GOVERNMENT'S VERSION EMBASSY HAS
FORMALLY REQUESTED EXPLANATION THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
MEANWHILE, PC STAFF MEMBER IS TRAVELING TO NHLANGANO FOR TALK WITH
AFFECTED VOLUNTEERS, WHO WERE RELEASED FROM POLICE CUSTODY AFTER
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THREE HOURS' QUESTIONING.

3. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, STUDENT BOYCOTT AT UNIVERSITY WAS DECIDED
BY STUDENTS AT ALARGE AND NOT RPT NOT BY SWAZILAND NATIONAL UNION
OF STUDENTS. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL, BOYCOTT NOTICE STATES THAT, IF
CURRENT PROBLEM IS NOT RESOLVED BY OCTOBER 24, UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
WILL MARCH TO KING'S RESIDENCE TO REQUEST HIM TO OFFER AN

ACCEPTABLE REMEDY. SWAZILAND NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS TOOK CIRCUMSPECT POSITION OF WRITING "OPEN LETTER" TO SECRETARY OF CABINET, INTER ALIA EXPRESSING REGRET OVER BANNING OF SWAZILAND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS AND APPEALING "TO BOTH TEACHERS AND GOVERNMENT TO COME TO A LONG TERM AMICABLE AGREEMENT, AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL SOLVE THE DISPUTE ONCE AND FOR ALL."

4. HOURS AFTER MAILING OUT 2,500 INVITATIONS ON OCTOBER 19 FOR UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATIONAT NATIONAL STADIUM ON OCTOBER 24, GOS CANCELLED THIS POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE GATHERING, MUCH TO RELIEF OF UNDP RESREP. ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND POLICE COMMISSIONER INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT LARGE ASSEMBLAGE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WOULD HAVE PRESENTED TEMPTING TARGET TO DISSIDENTS.
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